



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL HOWARD D. GOOGINS



Colonel Howard D. Googins is the commander of the 36th Medical Group, Andersen Air Force Base, Guam. As commander, he is responsible for organizing, administering and supervising the base medical mission. Colonel Googins commands Air Force health care services island-wide, supporting 15,000 beneficiaries with a staff of 157 people and a physical plant valued at \$22 million, along with a \$2.4 million annual operating budget, \$1.4 million in medical equipment assets and \$300,000 in war reserve material.

The colonel entered the Air Force in 1972 as an enlisted member. He received his commission in 1978 as a medical service corps officer. He has held a wide variety of health services management positions throughout his career including four administrator and two medical support squadron commander positions. He also served as the chief of medical resources for the United States Air Forces in Europe Command Surgeon.

EDUCATION:

- 1975 Bachelor of general studies in management (magna cum laude), University of New Hampshire, Durham, N.H.
- 1982 Squadron Officer's School (by correspondence)
- 1985 Masters degree in hospital and health care administration (cum laude), University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minn.
- 1993 Air Command and Staff College (by correspondence)
- 1996 Interagency Institute for Federal Health Care Executives, George Washington University, Washington, D.C.
- 1997 Air War College (by correspondence)

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. July 1978 – September 1978, student, health services administration, Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas
2. September 1978 – May 1983, medical squadron section commander; director, patient administration; director, medical resource management, Wurtsmith Air Force Base, Mich.
3. June 1983 – July 1985, AFIT student, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minn.
4. July 1985 – July 1988, associate administrator and director, medical logistics, Loring Air Force Base, Maine
5. July 1988 – October 1990, administrator, 7241st Air Base Group Clinic, Royal Air Forces Bentwaters, United Kingdom
6. October 1990 – June 1993, administrator, 81st Tactical Fighter Wing Clinic, Royal Air Forces Bentwaters, United Kingdom

7. June 1993 – April 1996, chief, medical resources, office of the command surgeon, Ramstein Air Base, Germany
8. April 1996 – December 1998, commander, 30th Medical Support Squadron, and Administrator, 30th Medical Group, Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif.
9. December 1998 – June 2000, commander, 10th Medical Support Squadron, and administrator, 10th Medical Group, United States Air Force Academy, Colo.
10. June 2000 – present, commander, 36th Medical Group, Andersen Air Force Base, Guam

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Force Achievement Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant	Jul 4, 1978
First Lieutenant	Jul 4, 1980
Captain	Jul 4, 1982
Major	Jun 1, 1989
Lieutenant Colonel	Sep 1, 1994
Colonel	Feb 1, 1999

(Current as of June 2000)